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Communication from the Permanent Representative of Colombia

At the request of the President of the Trade and Development Board, the attached communication addressed to him by the Permanent Representative of Colombia is being circulated for the information of the Board.

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Permanent Mission of Colombia to the
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Sir,

I have the honour to inform you, as President of the Trade and Development Board, that the Government of the Republic of Colombia proposes the town of Cartagena de Indias as the venue of the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, on the understanding that it can be held after 1 February 1992 and that, as is customary, agreement can be reached on what its organization will entail.

The Government of Colombia is thus acting on Latin America's pledge to host UNCTAD VIII and expresses the region's interest in this organization, to whose ideals it is deeply attached.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) EDUARDO MESTRE SARMIENTO
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Colombia

H.E. Mr. Emilio Artacho
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Spain
Geneva

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INSTITUTIONAL, ORGANIZATIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND RELATED MATTERS

Review of the calendar of meetings

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

At time of writing, a number of elements in the calendar are still subject to subsequent decisions, including decisions relating to UNCTAD VIII, together with its related preparatory processes.

Consequently, the attached draft calendar for the second half of 1991, and the draft schedules for the forthcoming biennium 1992-93, should be viewed as tentative, pending decisions to be taken regarding the above-mentioned issues.

It is expected that, as is customary, an informal group on the calendar will meet during the Board session to review all outstanding calendar matters. One matter that will require special attention will be the number of meetings of main Committees to be held in 1992 and 1993, having regard to paragraph 16 of TD/B/1154, which states that:

"There should be no more than three sessions of the main Committees during a given year."

ANNEX

A. Draft calendar of meetings for the second half of 1991[1/]

	Date
[TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, 17th special session (resumed, if required)	22-30 July]
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, 8th session [2/]	21 September-8 October
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Iron Ore, 5th session	21-23 October
INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS ON RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES, 10th session	21-25 October
WORKING GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING LEGISLATION, 13th session	11-19 November
COMMITTEE ON TUNGSTEN, 23rd session	18-22 November
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, 38th session, first part	2-13 December

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Commodity conferences and other commodity meetings	As required (up to 23 weeks)
Working parties, study groups and expert groups	As required (up to 12 weeks)

1/ Meetings marked with an asterisk are deductible from the provision for "Working parties, study groups and expert groups". Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings will be held in Geneva. All meetings listed are subject to a written notification, which is normally dispatched 6 weeks before the opening date.

2/ Preceded by two days of pre-Conference consultations among senior officials, on 19 and 20 September.

B. Draft schedule of meetings for 1992

	Date
Group of Experts on Multimodal Transport* (resolution 67(XIV) of the Committee on Shipping)	20-24 January
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, 6th session	17-25 February
WORKING PARTY ON THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN AND THE PROGRAMME BUDGET, 21st session	2-6 March
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, 38th session, second part	23 March-3 April
Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT, 25th session 3/	April
COMMITTEE ON INVISIBLES AND FINANCING RELATED TO TRADE, 14th session, first part (Financing related to trade)	23 April - 1 May
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES, 19th session	18-26 May
COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES, 13th session	11-19 June
WORKING PARTY ON THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN AND THE PROGRAMME BUDGET, 22nd session	3-9 September
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, 39th session, first part	21 September-2 October
COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING, 15th session	8-16 October
INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS ON RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES, 11th session	19-23 October
COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES, 15th session	26 October-3 November
WORKING GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING LEGISLATION, 14th session	9-13 November
COMMITTEE ON INVISIBLES AND FINANCING RELATED TO TRADE, 14th session, second part (Insurance)	16-20 November
COMMITTEE ON TUNGSTEN, 24th session	7-12 December

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Commodity conferences and other commodity meetings	As required (up to 25 weeks)
Working parties, study groups and expert groups	As required (up to 11 weeks)

3/ Listed for information

C. Schedule of meetings for 1993

	Date
COMMITTEE ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, 9th session	January
[UNCTAD/IMO Plenipotentiary Conference on Maritime Liens[4/] and Mortgages] (Committee on Shipping res. 66 (XIV) and IMO Council, 65th Session)	To be determined
WORKING PARTY ON THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN AND THE PROGRAMME BUDGET, 23rd session	February
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, 39th session, second part	March
Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT, 26th session[5/]	April
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, 7th session	April
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES, 20th session	May
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, 40th session, first part	September/October
INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS ON RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES, 12th session	October
COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES, 14th session	November
WORKING GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING LEGISLATION, 15th session	November
COMMITTEE ON TUNGSTEN, 25th session	December

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Commodity conferences and other commodity meetings	As required (up to 25 weeks)
Working parties, study groups and expert groups	As required (up to 12 weeks)

4/ Subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Dates to be established after consultations between UNCTAD and IMO.

5/ Listed for information